

## Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories – Sas Biological Substances, Category B Packaging and Shipping System Guide: Feces (Bacterial Culture) COLD



- As of October 1, 2006, Federal Law requires that the To, From, and <u>UN3373 Biological Substance</u>, <u>Category B</u> labels be attached to this fiberboard shipper; if it is not attached one should be attached by your facility.
- This guide is based upon a Triple Packaging system: the <u>primary</u> specimen container; the <u>secondary</u> red top 95 kPa polyethylene container; cushioning material; and <u>Tertiary</u> Fiberboard Shipper.
- The bubble wrap or other cushioning material should be wrapped around the Primary Container to ensure that the Primary Container does not break. Absorbent material should be included to protect from a leak.



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1) Fiberboard Shipper with Styrofoam cooler; Biohazard Secondary Container; Protective Bubble wrap; absorbent pad; Primary Container.



5) Place a barcode sticker from Universal Form on Primary Container, in addition to the patient information & Collection date; see Note.



2) Clinical Specimen Feces (Bacterial Culture) Label – This includes: To/From address blocks, kit expiration date, and sample type.



 Place Primary Container in biohazard bag with absorbent material.



3) Complete the Universal Form; mark required test in the Enteric section on the form.



7) Place Universal Form in outer pouch of biohazard bag.



4) Collect specimen in the Primary Container making sure the container is filled to the appropriate line. Fill in the patient information and date on the attached label.



8) Place the biohazard bag into the cooler.

Note: To prevent Primary Container from leaking, it is recommended that each specimen container be secured with ParaFilm or vinyl tape, such as electrical tape.



9) Place frozen ice packs on top of the biohazard bag.



10) Place cushioning material on top of the ice packs to prevent shifting in transit.



11) Place the Styrofoam lid back on the cooler box, and close the fiberboard shipper.



12) Secure Fiberboard Shipper with tape. Complete the return address label; **DO NOT** write on the box itself. This package is now ready to ship to KHEL.